

Ducks get win, but are hurt by injuries

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The Oregon Ducks got their victory in Utah and clinched a place in the Pac-12 championship, but it was costly with injuries to three key players.

Cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, center Hroniss Grasu and tight end Pharaoh Brown all were knocked out of the 51-27 victory Saturday night over the Utes.

The Ducks (9-1, 6-1, Pac-12) have a bye this coming week to assess the damage and heal for the regular season's final two games, against Colorado and Oregon State. Both the Buffaloes and the Beavers are sitting in the bottom of their conference division.

As a result of the victory at Utah, Oregon moved up a spot to No. 3 in the AP Top 25 released Sunday, while the Utes dropped from No. 20 to No. 25. The Ducks could also move up from fourth in the College Football

Playoff when those rankings are announced on Tuesday.

Brown's right knee injury appeared the worst. He was carted off the field and later taken from Rice-Eccles Stadium by ambulance after going down in the fourth quarter with an injury to his right leg.

Coach Mark Helfrich told reporters Sunday night that Brown remained hospitalized in Salt Lake City and would remain there for several days. He called it a "significant" injury.

"I talked to him last night, and all the rest of the details I think can best be said is we're doing everything we can for him," Helfrich said. "Going forward it's a long process but that dude is a competitive guy and it's already galvanized our team."

Brown had 22 catches for 380 yards and five touchdowns this season, including a TD catch in the game against the Utes.

Earlier in the quarter the Ducks suffered a blow with the loss of center Hroniss Grasu because of an apparent left leg injury. Quarterback Marcus Mariota put his arm around

his close on the sideline to console him and redshirt freshman Doug Brenner took assumed his duties anchoring the line.

"It's tough but it's part of the game that we play. Prayers go out to him," Mariota told reporters after the game. "But at the same time Doug did a good job of stepping up. We've got a lot of trust in him and we've got to go with what we have."

Oregon doesn't discuss injuries as a policy so it was unclear how serious it was.

Ekpre-Olomu hurt his left big toe early in the game and sat the rest of the way. Later he told The Oregonian that he just "tweaked" it and would be ready for Colorado.

The injuries marred the fifth straight victory for the Ducks, who put up 508 yards in total offense.

But the key play occurred early in the second quarter when an alert Joe Walker returned Kaelin Clay's careless goal line fumble 100 yards for a touchdown, preventing Utah from taking a 14-0 lead and turning the momentum solidly in Oregon's favor.

It was just the fifth 100-yard fumble return for a touchdown in NCAA history.

"A lot better being tied at 7 than 14-nothing," Helfrich said. "Our guys would have kept playing and wouldn't have flinched, but that was huge."

Mariota threw for 239 yards and three touchdowns, while running for 114 yards and another score.

It was his 36th straight game with a touchdown pass and his fifth 100-yard rushing game. The junior Heisman hopeful has passed for multiple touchdowns in 10 straight games, the longest active streak in the nation.

His next opponent, Colorado, has lost six straight and also has a bye before the game at Autzen Stadium on Nov. 22. The Ducks conclude the season against the Beavers in the Civil War rivalry game on Nov. 29 before facing the Pac-12 South champion six days later at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California.

"We believe in each other. We know what we have to do," Mariota said. "We just have to continue to grind it out."

Beavers fall 39-32 to Cougars and RS frosh

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CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The simple fact that the Oregon State Beavers had to settle for four field goals ultimately doomed them against Washington State.

Garrett Owens hit all of his field goal attempts but it was no match for first-time Cougar starter Luke Falk, who threw for 471 yards and five touchdowns in Washington State's 39-32 victory at Reser Stadium on Saturday.

"We went into the game knowing we had to get touchdowns," said Oregon State running back Terron Ward. "It's kind of disappointing knowing that we couldn't get a touchdown and had to go for a field goal."

The loss gave the Beavers (4-5, 1-5 Pac 12) a four-game losing streak as their chances of becoming bowl eligible fell dramatically with

just three games left.

Washington State (3-7, 2-5) snapped a four-game losing streak with the victory. The Cougars also snapped a three-game losing streak against the Beavers.

Oregon State coach Mike Riley said of course Oregon State would have preferred TDs to field goals.

"We definitely would have liked to be 100 percent touchdowns in the red zone, particularly with the points that are needed in this conference to win," he said. "You also have to look at the idea that points are also good, and you have to make a tough decision about going for it and not getting any points or take a higher-percent-age chance and get points by kicking the field goal."

Sean Mannion, who set the Pac-12 all-time record for passing yards last weekend in a 45-31 loss to California, threw for 419 yards and a touchdown in the loss.

Oregon State was also hurt by

10 penalties for 100 yards, and especially when what appeared to be a 38-yard touchdown pass from Mannion to Victor Bolden late in the third quarter that was called back by offensive holding on Hunter Jarmon. Oregon State settled for Owens' 46-yard field goal for a 25-24 lead in the fourth.

Falk answered by efficiently marching the Cougars downfield, capping the drive with an 18-yard touchdown pass on the run to Dom Williams. After the conversion, Washington State led 32-25 with 11:01 left.

Falk hit Robert Lewis with a 9-yard touchdown pass with 5:57 left before the Beavers scored on a 1-yard scoring run for Terron Ward for the final margin.

Falk was making his first start for the Cougars in place of senior Connor Halliday, who broke his ankle last weekend in the first quarter of the Cougars' 44-17 loss to USC. The injury ended the prolific senior passer's

college career.

"It's another fourth-quarter game you have a chance to win," Riley said. "They made plays and we didn't and I'm really disappointed about all of that."

The Beavers scored on their first series, a 75-yard, four-play drive capped by Mannion's 14-yard touchdown pass to Connor Hamlett.

The Cougars had a chance to close the gap but Quentin Breshears' 31-yard field goal attempt went wide left. Owens made a 24-yard field goal on the other end to make it 10-0.

Falk found Isiah Myers in the end zone with 5-yard scoring pass before end of the first quarter. He put the Cougars in front early in the second with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Baker.

Owens made a 37-yard field goal for the Beavers to cut Washington State's lead to 14-13 but Falk threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Vince Mayle to extend the Cougars'

lead. It was Mayle's 83rd reception of the season, a school record.

Owens hit again on a 44-yard field goal, narrowing Washington State's lead to 21-16 at halftime.

Breshears opened the second half with a 32-yard field goal to extend the lead but the Beavers' running game finally awoke after gaining just 11 yards in the first half and scored on Terron Ward's 1-yard touchdown run. The pass failed on the conversion but Oregon State still narrowed it to 24-22.

"We just have to keep our heads on our shoulders — show up every week, keep practicing hard," linebacker D.J. Alexander said. "There is no doubt in our team. We just keep fighting. We're going to have those ups and downs, but, like I said, we have to show up every week and play our ball game."



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